

**Cedar Hill Farm**  
**CH-600**  
**Waldorf vicinity**  
**Private**

**circa 1905**

Cedar Hill Farm, established circa 1905, is a good example of the Charles County agricultural landscape during the first quarter of the twentieth century. The farm consists of a two story, five bay, late Victorian L-plan frame dwelling surrounded by a typical array of agricultural outbuildings on a 250 acre parcel. Outbuildings include tobacco barns, hay barns, meathouses, chickenhouses, a workshop, corncrib and tenant house.

In 1905 Thomas E. Middleton purchased the property known as “Cedar Hill” or “Jordan” and built the dwelling house and several of the surviving outbuildings. The site continues to be a working farm owned and operated by the Middleton family.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Cedar Hill Farm  
 other Middleton Farm

### 2. Location

street and number 13130 Cedar Hill Place not for publication  
 city, town Waldorf x vicinity  
 county Charles

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Henry D. Middleton, Jr. & Margaret Middleton  
 street and number 49713 Longneck Road telephone 301-274-3622  
 city, town Scotland state MD zip code 20687-3300

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 25-2-10  
 city, town LaPlata liber 526 folio 82

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	12	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	14	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Cedar Hill Farm is located on the east side of Route 5, near Billingsley Road, and to the west of Zekiah Swamp. The farm consists of a circa 1905 I-house and twelve outbuildings ranging in date from the early to late twentieth centuries. These include two hay barns, a tobacco stripping house, tobacco barn, two chicken houses, two meathouses, a workshop, corncrib and two smaller barns of undetermined function. Finally, a one story tenant house also stands on the property.

The late Victorian frame dwelling is a two story, five bay I-house with a cross gable two-story rear wing forming an overall L-plan configuration. Both the main block and the rear wing are single pile. The main block rests on a concrete block foundation while the rear wing is supported on poured concrete piers. A one-story shed porch extends the length of the façade and is supported by six turned wooden posts capped with scrollwork brackets. The roof is relatively steeply pitched and currently covered in asphalt shingles. The cornice is open. Cedar Hill has three interior corbel capped chimneys. The first is in the southern end of the main block, while the other two are located in the interior of the rear wing.

The façade features an asymmetrical central metal replacement door. Otherwise, the façade is symmetrical with five windows on the second story and four on the first floor. Seven of the nine façade windows have been replaced with 1/1 light double-hung metal sashes. The remaining original 2/2 light wood sash double-hung windows are found in the first floor to the south of the door. All windows include metal surrounds.

The rear kitchen wing includes a later one-story enclosed shed porch on the southern elevation as well as a two story shed corner addition in the interior of the "L". While this porch and two story pent are clearly later additions, the two story rear wing was probably also part of a different building period. Evidence for this is the asymmetrical window arrangement visible on the second floor and placement of chimney stacks. As on the façade, windows in the rear have been replaced with 1/1 light double-hung metal sashes with metal surrounds.

Cedar Hill has lost a significant amount of its original materials but is well maintained and surrounded by its historic rural setting. The property is located in the Zekiah Swamp Rural Legacy area where current efforts are underway to obtain easements in order to preserve the agricultural landscape.

### TENANT HOUSE

Situated on low ground in front of and below the primary dwelling is a one story frame craftsmen/bungalow style dwelling identified as a tenant house. This is a simple front gable structure with an enclosed porch.

### OUTBUILDINGS

Cedar Hill is connected to the associated outbuildings by a dirt driveway that passes along the south side of the dwelling before forking at the rear of the house. Several outbuildings are located near the house including the meathouses and a henhouse to the north, a small heated workshop and barn to the south and a corncrib and barn directly behind the dwelling to the east.

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The meathouses are square with weatherboard siding and metal roofs. The single bay chicken house stands to the east of these two structures and incorporates a shed roof. A large oak tree strands in the center of this grouping.

The workshop is a square structure with a concrete block pier foundation, metal seam roof and German wood siding. A brick chimney is located near the north wall. Near this is corncrib with a concrete block foundation. The structure is lit by a single double-hung wood sash window with 6/6 lights. Two small barns are also part of this grouping. The larger of the two may have possibly been used as a tobacco barn and features a steeply pitched metal seam roof and vertical board siding. The smaller barn has a shallow pitched metal seam roof and vertical board siding. Both have concrete block foundations.

On the southwestern corner of the property is a large tobacco barn and shed as well as a chicken house facing south. The stripping house is constructed of concrete blocks with an exterior concrete block flue at the southeastern corner. The tobacco barn is located to the northeast of the stripping house, away from the dwelling.

On the northeastern section of the property are two large gambrel roof hay barns with one story sheds extending from each eave. These barns sheathed with vertical boards appear to be of recent construction.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:

<b>Specific dates</b>	Circa 1905	<b>Architect</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	Circa 1905	<b>Builder</b>	Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register                       Maryland Register                       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Cedar Hill Farm, established circa 1905 is a good example of the Charles County's agricultural landscape during the first quarter of the twentieth century. The typical two story, side gable frame structure is surrounded by a variety of domestic and agricultural outbuildings that were once common features of farmsteads in the region. The presence of tobacco barns, hay barns, meathouses, chicken houses, a workshop, a corncrib and a tenant house strongly convey the rural landscape of the early part of the twentieth century.

In 1905, William G. Smith and Mary Middleton Smith of Baltimore sold to Thomas E. Middleton the property known as "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan". It is believed that Thomas built the original structure which consisted of a two story, five bay frame structure. Thomas E. Middleton sold the property in 1930 to Henry D. Middleton who added later additions to the rear of the dwelling. Cedar Hill Farm is owned by the Middleton family today. Originally consisting of approximately 250 acres, Cedar Hill Farm would have been considered a medium size farm which accounted for almost half of all farms in Charles County during the first quarter of the twentieth century.

For centuries Charles County has been predominantly agrarian. In addition to cultivating cash crops such as tobacco and to a lesser extent corn and wheat, farm families exercised a good deal of self-sufficiency, growing vegetables and raising chickens and hogs for home consumption. These practices are reflected in the landscape by the presence of structures designed for housing chickens, processing and storing meats and storing grain. The structures found at Cedar Hill Farm, including the meathouse, chickenhouse and corncrib are typical of those traditionally built for these purposes.

Cedar Hill is noteworthy not only due to the presence of typical building and structures of the early twentieth century, but also the location of these resources in relation to one another and to the overall landscape. Here meathouses, henhouse and workshop are located closest to the dwelling and constitute the domestic outbuildings intended for subsistence activities. In contrast, large barns intended for cash crop activities and products are located further from the dwelling and constitute a separate grouping of agricultural outbuildings.

Despite alterations and additions to the dwelling, Cedar Hill Farm retains a high degree of integrity in the presence of a representative assortment of structures and

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buildings, that retain their historical orientation and rural setting.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 250  
Acreage of historical setting 15  
Quadrangle name Hughesville Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Cedar Hill Farm is and has historically been associated with Charles County Property Map 25, Grid 2, Parcel 10.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Site Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	9/25/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state	MD
		zipcode	20646

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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Charles County, MD  
county and state

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**Chain of title:**

- February 17, 1890                      Joseph Middleton of Baltimore to Mary Middleton. Land known as "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan" with buildings and improvements. No mention of acreage.  
**J.S.T. 3 Folio 175**
- September 17, 1890                    Mary Middleton to William G. Smith. "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan" with buildings and improvements. No mention of acreage.  
**J.S.T. 3 Folio 420**
- March 14, 1905                        William G. Smith and Mary Middleton Smith of Baltimore to Thomas E. Middleton \$800. "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan." No mention of acreage.  
**F.D.M. 16 Folio 104**
- March 10, 1930                        Thomas E. Middleton and Genevieve his wife to Henry D. Middleton."Cedar Hill" or "Jordan" **248a**. \$3500.  
**Liber 51 Folio 373**
- December 18, 1975                    Margaret E. Middleton wife of Henry D. Middleton, Sr. to Henry D. Middleton, Jr. 248a. "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan".  
**Liber 438 Folio 7**
- September 6, 1977                    Henry D. Middleton, Jr. transfer to Henry D. Middleton, Jr. and Margaret E. Middleton, wife "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan" 248a.  
**Liber 526 Folio 82**

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name of property

Annapolis, Maryland

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**Major Bibliographic References:**

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Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

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LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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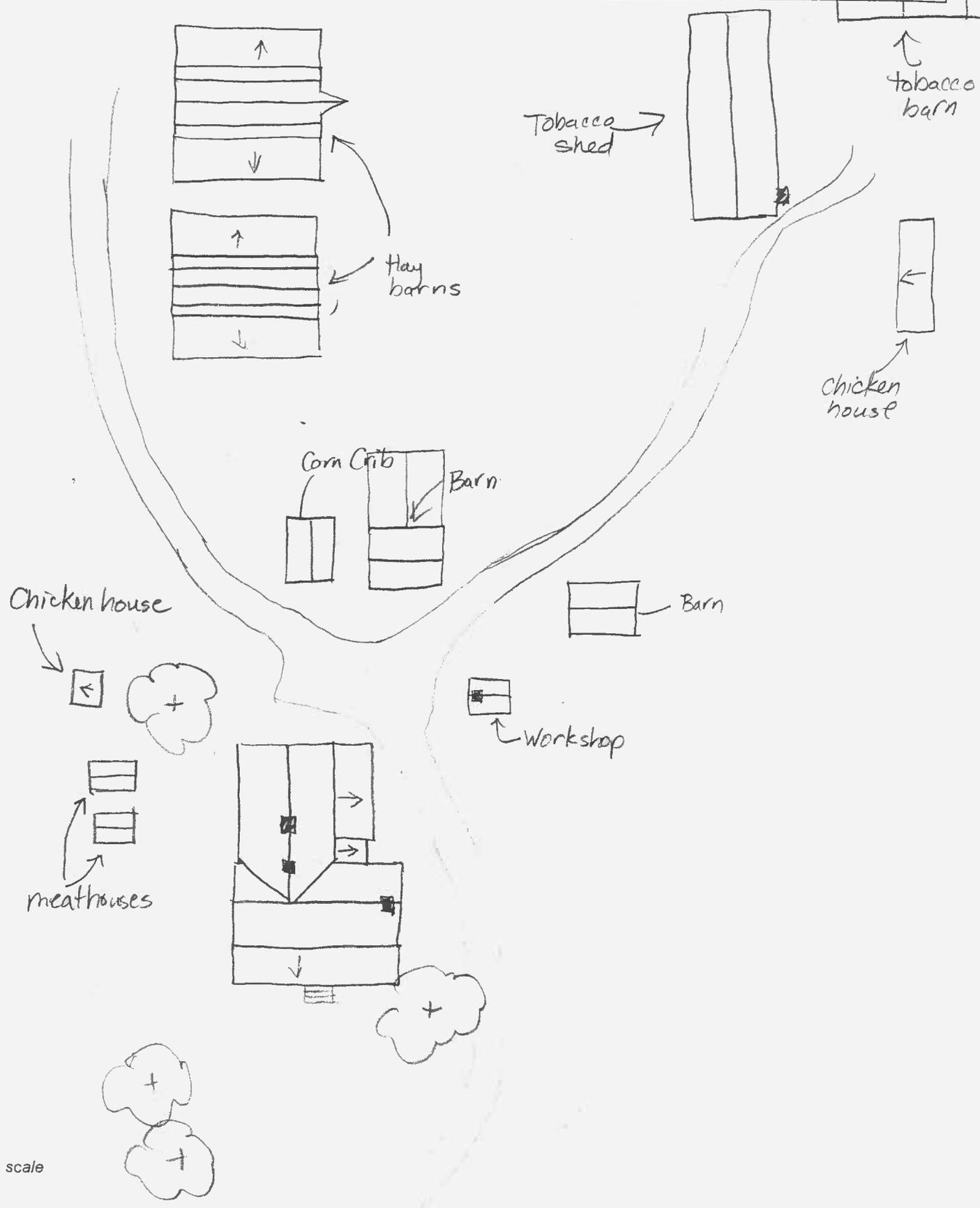
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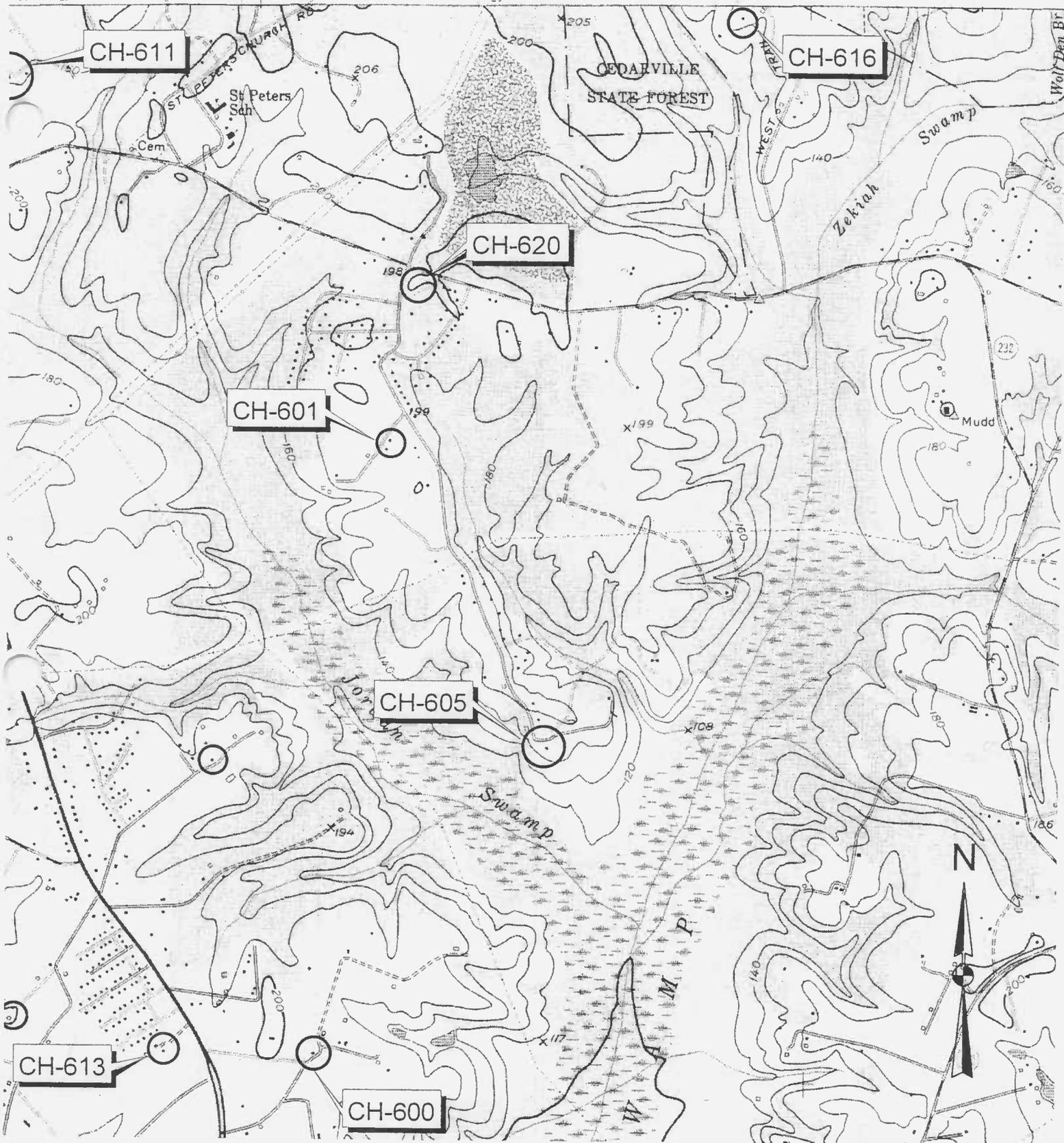
Address: 13130 Cedar Hill Place

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LOOKING NW

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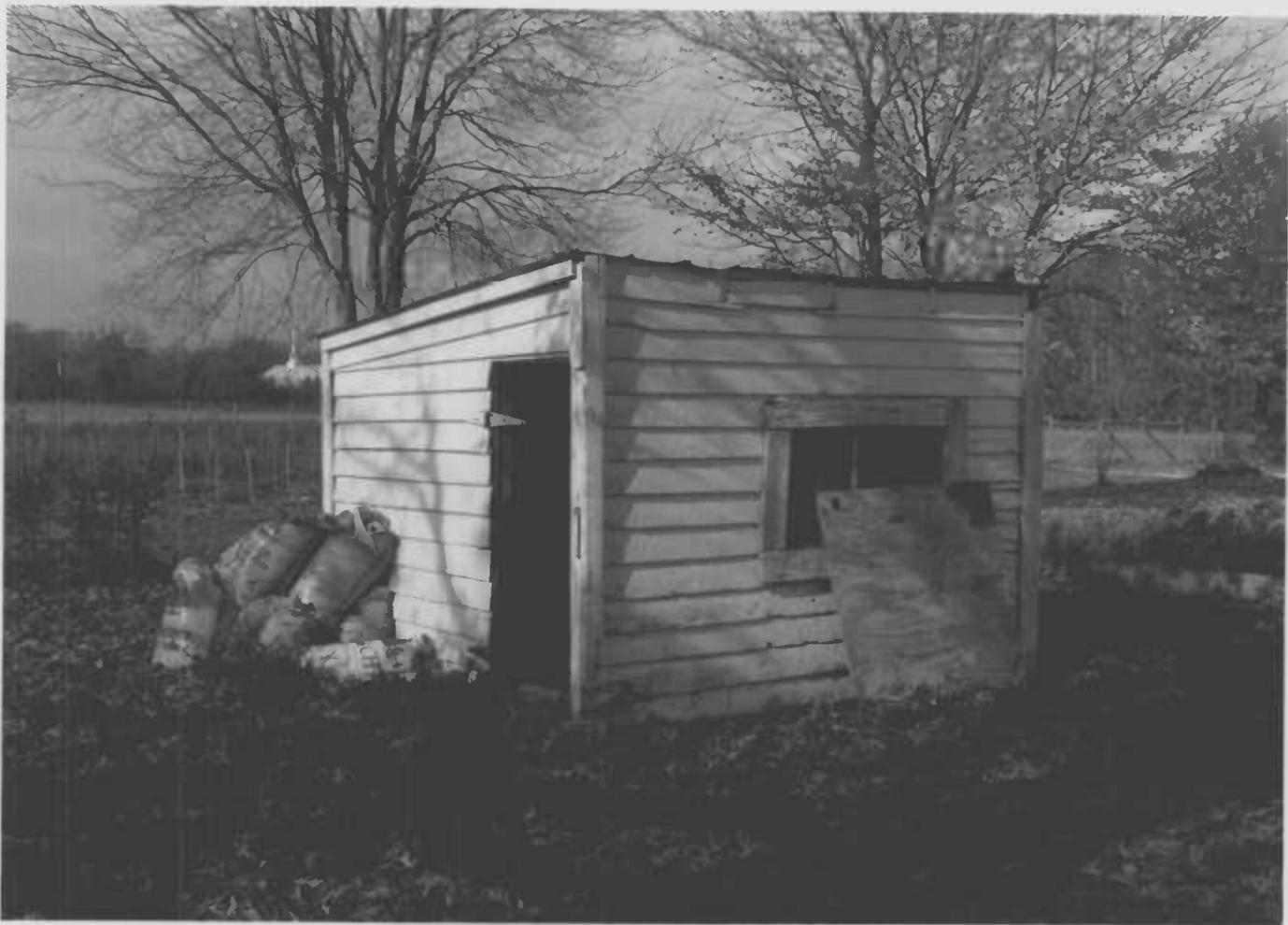
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MEATHOUSES, LOOKING NW

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CHICKEN HOUSE | LOOKING NE

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2 BARNs ? WORKSHOP, LOOKING EAST

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TOBACCO DITCH & BARNS, LOOKING SE

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2 BARNs - LOOKING NE

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TENANT HOUSE, LOOKING NE

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